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(Designation) SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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Telegraphic Address .....

To

M.G. MEHKRI, ESQ., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 21st March 1942.

The following matters should be reported on:—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 21st March 1942.

POLITICAL

Congress Movement

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the members of the Ward Committees held on the 15th instant Mr. H.C. Suryanarayana Rao was elected president of the City Congress and Messrs: V.S. Narayana Rao and K. Ramaswamy as Joint-Secretaries and Mr. M.N. Seetharamiah as Treasurer.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is reported to have been elected a member of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress for the ensuing year.

Bangalore District:

Mrs. Yeshodharamma Dasappa and Mrs. Sunandamma are elected President and Secretary of the Reception Committee of the Women's Conference to be held during the ensuing All Mysore Congress Convention.

Mandya District:

Mr. A.G. Bandi Gowda has been elected a member of the Mysore Congress Working Committee from Mandya District.

Mysore District:

Mrs. Yeshodharamma Dasappa has been elected a member of the Mysore Congress Working Committee from Mysore City and Mr. S. Rangaramiah from Mysore District.

Hassan District:

Mr. Venkatarangasetty of Arkalgud has been elected president of the Hassan District newly constituted Congress Committee; Messrs: Gunduramiah and Puttegowda as Joint-Secretaries and Ankam Sanjeevasetty as Treasurer, at a meeting of the Committee held on the 15th instant.

Mr. B.N. Boranna Gowda is reported to have been elected ~~as~~ a member of the Mysore State Congress Working Committee for the ensuing year.

Shimoga District:

Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao has been unanimously elected to the Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress from Shimoga District on the 15th instant.

The Shimoga District Congress Committee was reconstituted with Messrs: K.G. Wodeyar, S.V.Krishnamurthy, K. Raghavendra Rao, S.R. Nagappasetty and H.S. Karisiddappa as President, Vice-president, General Secretary, Joint-secretary and Organising Secretary, respectively.

The Shimoga Town Congress Committee was reconstituted

with Messrs: H.S. Rudrappa, S.V. Krishnamurthy, Devappa Gowda and H.N. Rajagopal and Kaloji Rao Jadav as President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretaries respectively.

Chitaldrug District:
Mr. Thippiah, Patel of Gataparthi, Chellakere taluk, an independent candidate for the Representative Assembly elections withdrew his candidature in favour of the Congress candidate Vrushabendrappa.

Tumkur District:
Messrs: Mali Mariappa, Moodligiri Gowda and B.C. Nanjundiah were elected as President, Vice-president and Secretary respectively of the Tumkur District Congress Committee on the 15th instant.

Kolar District:
Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy is reported to have been elected to the Congress Working Committee from Kolar District.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore District:
Messrs: V. Venkatappa, K. Subba Rao, Rangiah and others are moving about collecting funds for the Congress Convention and on the 15th and 16th instant a sum of Rs.600/- is reported to have been collected from merchants of Channapatna.

The congress intends to invite Mr. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan or Mr. Prakasam or Mr. Bulusu Sambamurthy for the ensuing session since Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit who had been invited is said to have pleaded inability to attend on account of her ill-health.

Mandya District:
Messrs: T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, T. Mariappa, A.G. Bandi Gowda, K.M. Krishnappa Gowda, M. R.N. Sastry, Kapanigowda and others visited several places in the District canvassing votes for the congress candidates..

Chitaldrug District:
Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, Kasalu Sreenivasasetty, Aneberu Kenchappa, Malavalli Veerappa, G. Veerappa, Mayakonda Govindappa and Anekonda Channabasappa visited several places in the District and canvassed votes for the congress candidates who have contested the bye-elections to the Legislative Council.

Kolar District:
Several batches of congressmen visited several places in the District and canvassed votes for congress candidates.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore City:
At a meeting of the newly constituted City Congress Committee held on the 17th instant, Civil defence measures were discussed and it was resolved that the congress should disassociate from the Citizen's Civil Defence Committee.

Mandya District:

Election propaganda meetings were held on 14-3-42 at Seringapatam and Ganjam and Mrs. M.K.Linganna T.Mariappa, T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, Kyathanahalli Sivananjegowda and Ganjam Narahari Rao exhorted the audience to vote for the congress candidates-Messrs: B. Ramiah and Karadihalli Krishnappa Gowda.

Kadur District:

From 12-3-42 to 18-3-42 Messrs: H.Siddiah, K.T. Bhashyam, B.P. Basappa Setty and others visited all the Taluk head-quarters and certain important villages in the District and addressed public meetings appealing to the audience to stand behind the congress and to vote for the congress candidates-Messrs: K.T. Sathyanarayanasetty and T.C. Basappa in the ensuing bye-elections to the Legislative Council. Mrs. Yeshodharamma Dasappa did not accompany the party as previously announced. No impressive procession of the Congress President was held anywhere in the District except at Chikmagalur on the 17th instant, when Mr. H. Siddiah was taken in procession on horse-back with music in the main Bazaar Road. At Shivani and Yellambalasw he was taken in procession on 13-3-42 and 18-3-42 respectively, in decorated carts drawn by four pairs of bullocks. A purse of Rs.75/- was presented to him at the public meeting held at Chikmagalur on 17-3-42 by Mr. D.C. Rudrappa. At the public meetings held at several places the speakers criticised among other things, the policy of the Government in respect of Education, Land Revenue, Water and Medical facilities and alleged that the present administration is top-heavy and that the Dewan and the Ministers in particular and other high officers in general are being paid very heavy salaries.

The Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress met at Birur on 12-3-42 and matters relating to the new Education Cess and to the arrangements to be made for the ensuing session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention were discussed.

Kolar District:

Propaganda meetings were held at various places in the District in connection with the ensuing elections to the Legislative Council. The speakers while exhorting the people to vote for the congress candidates generally referred, among other matters, to the war situation, Freedom ~~xxxxx~~ for India and allied subjects and condemned the action of the Mysore Government in arresting Messrs: H.C. Dasappa and T. Siddalingiah.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 11-3-42 election propaganda meetings were held by the congress people at Bowringpet and Soolikunte. Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi spoke at length about the British Rule in India and the present war and observed that the British Government view the Indian with suspicion and therefore the forty crores of people in India are not able to defend their country against Japan. He quoted the example of Ireland and Russia and exhorted the people to join the congress and fight for Swaraj. Similar meetings were held on 12-3-42 and 16-3-42 at K.G.F. Again on 16-3-42, a public meeting was held at Bowringpet and Mr. Pattabhiraman referred to the war situation and condemned the action of Government for arresting Mr. Dasappa and others. Messrs: Nagiah Reddi, B.V. Kodandarama Reddy, T.Subramanyam and K. Changalaraya Reddy made similar speeches and requested the audience to vote for the congress.

HINDU MAHASABHA

Bangalore City:
Dr. P. Varadarajalu Naidu of the All India Hindu Mahasabha was entertained on the 16th instant by Mr. Vajapeyam Venkatesiah of the local Sabha at Chintalapalli Venkatamuniah's choultry. He advised the persons gathered there to revive the Maha Sabha's activities at Bangalore stating that the present moment was very opportune and suggested that Bangalore may be made the head-quarters of the Sabha.

Shimoga:
In connection with the New Year's Day Celebrations about 40 Hindu Mahasabha volunteers went in procession in Shimoga town on 17-3-42, with band, holding the Mysore and Hindu Mahasabha flags. Printed pamphlets in Kannada wishing happy New Year were also distributed by them.

LABOUR AGITATIONS.

Bangalore City:
At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Binny Mills Association held on the 15th instant the question of going on a sympathetic strike in connection with the police firing on the Carnatic Mill workers at Madras was discussed and it was dropped as being inadvisable.

The AMCO Battery Management appears to have announced the grant of dearness allowance of Rs.2-2-0 per month from 1-1-42 to the workers.

Shimoga District:
It is reported that the labourers of the Blast Furnace at Bhadravathi are of late showing signs of insubordination to their immediate superiors pointing out often the decision of the Court of Arbitration.

The Labour Association of the Iron and Steel Works of Bhadravathi intend placing before the General Body for discussion and deciding further action in the matter requiring personal security from the labourers for taking loans from the Iron Works Co-operative Society and the exemption given to the monthly-paid workers in this respect.

In connection with the recent discharge of two labourers from the Iron Works for incpmpetency, the Association is learnt to have addressed the Management asking for reasons and further intends to address the Labour Commissioner also.

The Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravathi, is learnt to have addressed the Labour Commissioner for the establishment of the Court of Arbitration.

A committee consisting of Messrs: K.R. Madhava Rao, S.R. Nagappasetty and K.N. Murthy is reported to have been appointed to organise and form a branch of the All Mysore Spinners' Association.

Kolar Gold Field:
During the week a number of meetings of the

several Labour Associations on the field were held Mr. P.R.K. Sharma of Madras addressed a number of Kolar Gold Fields. He advocated for the grant of a dearness allowance and the abolition of the contract system. At a meeting held under the auspices of the Champion Reef Labour Association on 15-3-42, Mr. Mahimanathan criticised the actions of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and his party and observed that the Europeans who have nothing to eat in their own country are leading a luxurious life in India at the cost of labourers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. D.R. Krishnamurthy, a former member of the Mass Awakeners' Union and the National Youth League, Bangalore City, intends to summon a conference of "The Friends of the Soviet Union" during the ensuing congress Convention. Mr. K.T.Bhashyam is expected to open this Conference.

THE RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. K. S. Ramachandra Setty has opened an office for the Radical Democratic Party at Bangalore and is said to have enrolled about 50 members.

A private meeting under the auspices of the National Youth League, Shimoga, was held on 15-3-42 at Shimoga and resolutions expressing sympathy on the demise of Jamnalal Bajaj and criticising the policy of Mysore Government in imprisoning congress leaders etc. were adopted.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS

In Notification No. P.4293 dated 16-3-42 the Government have extended their order under Sec. 144 Cr.P.C. restraining Khaji Syed Fakruddin, Ex-Pesh Imam of Ahmadiya Party, Shimoga, from ascending the pulpit and reciting prayers in the Jumma Masjid, Shimoga, for a further period of six months from 18-3-42.

PROSECUTIONS

Three students - Jayarama Iyer, C. Ranganatha Rao and Ramesha Rao - were caught on 13-3-42 near the P.O.W. Camp and within the protected area without passes. A case in Cr. No. 77/41-42 under Rule 8 Cl.2 & 4 of the Defence of India Rules has been registered by the Sub-Inspector of Police, P.O.W. Camp Station.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
March 23, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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U.K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 28th March 1942.

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POLITICAL

Congress Movement.

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, H. Siddiah and K. Pattabhiraman interviewed the Dewan on the 20th. It is reported that the Congress views the result of the interview as unfavourable.

Mr. H. Siddiah has issued a statement to the press regarding the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India and the place of the States in the future Constitution of India.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is reported to have sent a telegram from Mysore to Sir Stafford Cripps requesting for the consideration of the States' problem in framing any Constitution for India.

Mandya District:

The Mandya Taluk Congress Committee was reconstituted with Mr.K. Chikkalingiah as President and Treasurer, Mr. H. Siddaramiah as Vice-President and Mr. Puttegowda as Secretary.

Chitaldrug District:

On 19-3-42, Davanagere Town Congress Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Bandade Hanumantha Rao as President, Mr. Kasalu Srinivasasetty as Vice-president, Messrs: K.J. Jambanna and G. Veerappa as Secretaries and Mr. Hariharappa as Treasurer.

PROPAGANDA

Shimoga District:

Mr. H. Siddiah is reported to be touring in Sagar taluk from the 27th instant to popularise the congress movement.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bangalore City:

The next meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is to be held on the 30th instant at Bangalore.

Eleven members of the City Municipal Council have sent a requisition to the President to present a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Congress and a special meeting of the Municipal Council is arranged on the 28th instant to discuss the question.

Under the auspices of the Citizens' Committee, a public meeting was held in the Municipal Gardens on the 21st instant with Mr. K. Hanumanthiah as president. The speakers suggested the formation of several Ward-committees for effective night patrol and to prevent internal disorder &c.

On the 21st instant, the Rakshana Samithi with the help of Municipal Councillors prepared a draft for the formation of several Ward Committees.

Bangalore District:

The Construction of ' Nehru Nagar ' in Survey No.367 of Thittamaranahalli village for the fifth session of the All Mysore Congress Convention is in progress. The contract for electrification has been taken up by Mr. Thammiah, Contractor, Channapatna, and Messrs: Kumaraswamy Pillay & Sons, Bangalore City have taken up contract for supply of water from Kanva river.

Mandya District:

Election propaganda meetings were held by the Congress on 19-3-42 at Bookanakere, Krishnarajapet taluk and on 20-3-42 at Ganjam, Seringapatam and Kikkeri. At Ganjam and Seringapatam, Mr. T. Subramanyam was taken in procession and at Bookanakere he was taken in procession in a cart drawn by ten pairs of bullocks. On 21-3-42, congress candidates Mrs. Thayamma Veerannagowda and Mr. K. Krishnappa gowda were elected to the Legislative Council and Messrs: K.S. Subbegowda, K.S. Siddegowda, Kapaniah and K. Narasegowda to the Representative Assembly. The other three elected to the Representative Assembly were non-congress candidates.

Shimoga District:

Under the auspices of the Shimoga Town Congress Committee, public meetings were held at Ramannasetty Park on the 20th and 21st instant. Dr. N.S. Hardikar who came to Shimoga on 20-3-42 along with Channabasappa Ambli, Secretary of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee spoke about the measures to be adopted for internal security. He also advised ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ to summon for a meeting of the leaders of all parties.

Chitaldrug District:

At an election propaganda meeting held at Davanagere on 19-3-42 Mr. Malavalli Veerappa stated that the British Rule had made the Indians slaves and deprived them of their martial spirit.

At a public meeting held on 21-3-42 at Mayakonda, Messrs: S. Nijalingappa, and Malavalli Veerappa addressed the gathering appreciating the sacrifices made by Mayakonda people during the Forest Satyagraha.

Mr. Anaberu Kenchappa was declared elected for the Representative Assembly from Davanagere taluk on 22-3-42.

Kolar District:

Propaganda meetings in connection with the Bye-elections to the Legislative Council were held in several places in the District by the Congress and all the three congress candidates namely Messrs: C.K. Balakrishnan of Chickballapur, N.C. Nagiah Reddy of Nagasandra, Goribidanur tk., and Kothanur Venkatasami Reddi were successful in the elections to the Legislative Council held on 21-3-42.

Magistrate, Shimoga, has extended his order under section 39 of the Mysore Police Act banning public meeting in Bhadravathi town and within a radius of 6 miles for a further period of 2 months.

VISITORS

Mr. Ambli Channabasappa, Secretary, Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee, Dharwar, arrived at Chitaldrug on 22-3-42 to collect the percentage of the subscriptions from the local congress to the K.P.C.C. He left for Tumkur on the same night.

EXTERNEES.

Mr. Anandamurthy, externee from Shimoga District, arrived at Tumkur and is put up with his brother-in-law Mr. Dass, Proprietor of the Krishna Press, Tumkur.

PROSECUTIONS.

Jayarama Iyer, C. Ranganatha Rao and Rameswara Rao referred to in the previous abstract were sentenced to undergo imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- each by the First Class Magistrate, P.O.W. Camp, in C.C.94/41-42 on 20-3-42.

Abdul Jaleel, Krishnaswamy and Abdul Majeed - employees of Messrs: Abdul Sattar & Sons, Contractors, P.O.W. Camp No.2 are being prosecuted under rules 91 & 98 of the Defence of India Rules for dealing in token money in the P.O.W. Camp.

One Byannappa, a refuse-cart driver and a native of Thindlu is being prosecuted under rule 38(1)(a) of the Defence of India Rules for having assisted an Italian P.O.W. to escape.

One Chinniah is being prosecuted under rule 8 Cl.(2) & (4) of D.O.I. Rules for having entered the protected area of the P.O.W. camp on 21-3-42 without a pass. Similarly one Veeranna is prosecuted for the same offences as also for the theft of 6 shirts from the P.O.W. Camp on 24-3-42.

Christ Das and Daniel were sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- each on 24-3-42 by the First Class Magistrate, P.O.W.Camp in C.C. 96/41-42 for unauthorised entry under D.O.I. Rules.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
March 30, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

(For the week ending April 4, 1942).

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

The Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress which met at Bangalore on the 30th March passed a resolution expressing satisfaction at the results of the bye-elections to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council held recently. The Committee also decided to seek guidance from Mr. Gandhi as regards their future programme in view of the alleged break-down of talks between the Congress President and the Dewan.

The fifth Session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention which was to have commenced on the 6th instant has been postponed to the 11th.

Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, the President of the Travanc National Congress, is understood to have been invited to open the Exhibition which will be held during the Conventi

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

Ramalingam, the Secretary of Binny's Mills' Labour Association, has published a pamphlet in Tamil called "Labourers' Songs" in which he has detailed the grievances of the working class. The pamphlet has been dedicated to Mr. Bhashyam.

The Management of Binny's Mills have announced a "Karaga"(Festival) allowance of rupees two to such of the workers as have been regular in attendance for the last six months.

Consequent on the refusal of certain workers of the AMCO Factory to work in the Acid Section unless they were provided with free clothing, the authorities have dispnesed with the services of 8 labourers. Mr. Hiriyanniah, the

Secretary of the Labour Association, is understood to have interviewed the Assistant to the Labour Commissioner and Mr. Bhashyam in this connection.

Shimoga:

At a public meeting of labourers of Bhadravathi held at Nidige, on 29-3-42, Messrs: B.P. Halappa and Seshagiri Sastri, president and secretary respectively of the Paper Mills Labour Association, ~~criticised the action of the Paper Mills Labour Association~~, criticised the action of the Deputy Commissioner in extending the order under section 39 Mysore Police Act banning public meetings at Bhadravathi, and appealed to the workers to be united and to strengthen the association.

Kolar Gold Field:

As a protest against the refusal of the authorities of the Brick-making Factory to grant attendance bonus and an increase in wages, a few workers went on strike on the morning of the 30th March; they however resumed work on the next day on being told that the matter had been referred to the Arbitration Court.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

Mr. S. Rangaramiah of the Mysore Congress who had been prosecuted under Rules 34(6) & 38(1 & 5) of the Defence of India Rules for a prejudicial speech made at Mysore, was convicted and sentenced to one month's R.I. and a fine of Rs.200/-; in default to suffer two months' R.I. (vide Weekly Report dated 31-1-42).

Mr. K.S. Kumaran, a near-communist of Bangalore, who had been charged for a similar offence at Mysore, was acquitted by the City Magistrate, Mysore (vide Weekly Report dated 14-2-42).

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THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(For the week ending April 11, 1942)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

Srimathi Uma Bai of Kundapuor has been invited to open the Women's Conference proposed to be held as an adjunct of the Fifth Session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention.

A resolution inviting the Indian States' Peoples' Conference to hold its next session in the Mysore State is likely to be moved at the Convention.

Messrs: H. Siddiah, K.T. Bhashyam, T. Subramnayam and two others have gone to Wardha to apprise Mr. Gandhi of the present political situation in the State and to seek his advice.

'The Jalianwala Bagh Day' was observed at Bangalore on the 6th instant.

The Bangalore City Congress Committee has decided to form a ' Shanthi Dala ' (Peace Brigade) to combat the internal disorder in the event of an emergency.

HINDU MAHASABHA

The Head-quarters of the All Mysore State Hindu Mahasabha has been shifted from Shimoga to Bangalore and Mr. G.V.Ramachar has been appointed its Secretary.

It is ascertained that a conference of the All Mysore State Hindu Mahasabha has been proposed to be held at Bangalore with Dr. P. Varadarajalu Naidu of Madras as President and Mr.Savarkar, the President of the All India Hindu Mahasabha has been invited to attend the conference.

LABOUR

Bangalore City: Propaganda is reported to be going on among the workers of the Cotton-weaving section and Dye-House of Binny's Mills to organise a strike after the 10th April.

Shimoga:- At a meeting of the executive committee of th

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Per.M.3.34/41-42.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, dated .....12th..April..... ..1942.

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
~~Rajasevaprasakta Mahamahopadhyaya~~
~~Sir A.R.D.I. Kt., C.S.I., Esq., B.A.,~~
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
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.....~~*Department*~~, *Bangalore.*

Subject:—

I have the honour to forward herewith, in duplicat
brief note on the Agricultural situation in the Mysore
ate during the week ending 9th April 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

B.P.

Brief Note on the Agricultural Situation in the Mysore State during the Week ending 9th April 1942.

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SIR,

There were some slight showers in different parts of all the Districts except in the Tumkur, and Chitaldrug Districts. Sowing of Sugar-cane, paddy, jola and cotton was in progress. The standing crops were in good condition. Wet and dry crops continued to be harvested. Cattle were generally healthy except for the sporadic prevalance of some cattle diseases in parts of all the Districts except Mysore, Mandya and Hassan. Needful preventive measures have been adopted. Pasture and fodder for cattle were available. Arrangements for throwing open all the State Forests in the Chitaldrug District and also some of the Amrith Mahal Kavals for the free grazing of cattle in case of fodder difficulty have also been made. Markets were well supplied. Cooly classes found sufficient labour. Some relief works have also been started in parts of Tumkur District to provide labour to the needy. The Agricultural situation was on the whole not such as to cause anxiety.

Revenue Commissioner.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending April 4, 1942

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Special Branch Report for the week ending April 4, 1942.

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 4th April 1942.

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL

Kadur District:

The District Congress Committee was reconstituted with Mr. T. Sitharamiah, Pleader, Chikmagalur, as President; Messrs: Bagamane Devegowda and B.P. Basappa Setty as Vice-presidents; and Messrs: C.V. Dhruva Rao and Chandrasekhariah of Yellambalase as Secretaries.

Mr. Hutchegowda of Makonahalli was elected a member of the Mysore State Congress Working Committee from the District.

Messrs: B. Krishna Bhatta (Independent) and T.C. Basappa (Congress) came out successful in the recent Bye-elections to the Legislative Council while the other congress candidate Mr. K.T. Sathyanarayana Setty was defeated.

Chitaldrug District:

At a meeting held at Davanagere on 26-3-42 the Chitaldrug District Congress Committee was reconstituted with Mr. A. Bhimappa Naik as President; Mr. Kasalu Srinivasasetty and Srimathi Nagarathnamma Hiremutt as Vice-presidents; Messrs: S. Vasudeva Rao and Rajasekhariah Hiremutt as Secretaries and Mr. Maganur Basappa as Treasurer.

Hosadurga Taluk Congress Committee was reconstituted with Mr. D.B. Thimmanna as president; Mr. A. Nanjundasetti as Vice-president, K. Padmappa as Secretary and B.V. Nagesa Setty as ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer.

Mr. S. Nijalingappa was elected to the Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress from Chitaldrug District.

PROPAGANDA

Bangalore City:

The Nagara Rakshana Samithi which met at the Congress Office on the 29th ultimo discussed, propaganda measures and resolved to maintain 10 volunteers at the Congress Office to do propaganda work and to keep themselves in touch with the official volunteers like the Civic Guards and the A.R.P. Volunteers in case of necessity.

Chitaldrug District:

At a meeting of the Chitaldrug District Congress Committee held on 26-3-42, at Davanagere, Laxmikantha Bhimakumar moved a resolution for organising 'Peace Corps ' to educate the public in Air Raid Precaution. Mr. Kumar is intending to organise volunteer Corps for the ensuing All Mysore Congress Convention and to make arrangements for the ' Friends of Soviet Union Conference ' to be opened in the coming Sessions.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bangalore City:

The Working Committee of the Mysore State

Congress which met at Bangalore on 30th and 31st March passed a resolution expressing satisfaction at the results of the bye-elections to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council held recently. It also decided to seek guidance from Mr. Gandhi as regards their future programme in view of the alleged break-down of talks between the Congress President and the Dewan. A resolution debarring Messrs: Sitharama Sastry and Chikkalingiah (President, District Board, Mandya) from being members of any Congress Organisation for a period of 3 years was also passed by the Committee. The fifth session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention which was to have commenced on the 6th instant was decided to be postponed to the 12th and 13th instant.

A Congress Delegation is expected to proceed on the 5th instant to discuss the political situation with Mr. Gandhi and to seek his advice.

A civic address to Mr. H. Siddiah, Congress President, was presented on the 30th March at the Town Hall by the Congress Municipal Councillors of the Bangalore City Municipality. Mr. Siddiah gave suitable reply thanking the Councillors for their cordiality and surveyed in brief the administration of the several Local Bodies in the State.

Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai of the Travancore National Congress is reported to have been invited to open the Exhibition during the ensuing Congress Convention.

Bangalore District:

The Exhibition arranged to be held during the ensuing Congress Session at Thittamaranahalli will be opened on the 10th instant and the Congress President's procession is arranged on the 11th instant.

The Volunteers' Camp was started on 31-3-42 at Nehru Nagar and so far, 65 volunteers are reported to have arrived.

Kadur District:

At a public meeting held under the auspices of the Town Congress Committee, Chikmagalur, on 27-3-42 with Mr. B.K. Narasimha Murthy, a local Pleader, as president, Mr. C.V. Dhruva Rao and the President thanked the voters for having done their duty in the recent elections and observed that there was need to popularise the congress movement more and more in the District.

Shimoga District:

On 28-3-42 the Congress Municipal Councillors of Bhadravathi brought a subject to call for a special meeting to discuss the presenting of an address to Mr. Siddiah as previously resolved by them. The President disallowed the subject and at a meeting of the Municipal Councillors held on 29-3-42, the eight congress Municipal Councillors headed by Mr. B.P. Halappa staged a ' walk out ' to express their displeasure.

Kolar District:

Public meetings were held at Chintamani

and Chickballapur on the 26th and 27th ultimo respectively by the Congress to thank the voters for having exercised their votes in favour of congress candidates in the recent bye-elections.

ALL MYSORE STATE MUSLIM LEAGUE

The Secretary of the League is reported to have sent the following telegram to His Excellency the Viceroy and Mr. Jinnah on 27-3-42 at 7 p.m. - "MUSLIMS URGE LIFT BAN KHASKARS ALLAMA MASHRIQI ".

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

P. Ramalingam, Secretary of the Binny's Mills' Labour Association, has published a pamphlet in Tamil called ' Labourers' Songs ' in which he has detailed the grievances of the working class and has dedicated it to Mr. Bhashyam.

Some of the dismissed workers of the Binny's Mills are reported to be closely moving among the workers to organise a strike on the pay day and they are being advised not to do so.

The Management of Binny's Mills have announced a "Karaga"(Festival) allowance of rupees two to such of the workers as have been regular in attendance for the last six months.

The Executive Committee meeting of the Bangalore Transport Union was held on 25-3-42 and discussed routine matters relating to payment of dearness allowance etc.

Consequent on the refusal of certain workers of the AMCO Factory to work in the Acid Section unless they were provided with free clothing, the authorities have dipensed with the services of 8 labourers. Mr. Hiriyanniah, Secretary of the AMCO Factory Labour Association, was also dismissed and he is understood to have interviewed the Asst. to the Labour Commissioner and sought the advice of Mr. Bhashyam also.

Shimoga District:

At a public meeting of the labourers of Bhadravathi held at Nidige on 29-3-42, Messrs: B.P.Halappa and Seshagiri Sastri, President and Secretary respectively of the Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravathi, criticised the action of the Deputy Commissioner in extending the order under Section 39 of the Mysore Police Act banning public meetings at Bhadravathi and appealed to the workers to be united and to strengthen the association.

Kolar Gold Field:

During the week meetings of the labourers of the Labour Associations on the Field were held and were addressed by Messrs: P.R.K. Sharma, K.Changalaraya Reddi, L. Sundararaja Iyengar and others. The question of War Allowance was one of the important matters referred to and the enquiries made by the conciliator regarding the same was also dealt with. The labourers were advised to be united and to strengthen their associations.

As a protest against the refusal of the authoriti the Brick-making Factory to grant attendance bonus an

increase in wages, a few workers went on strike on the morning of the 30th March; they however resumed work on the next day on being told that the matter had been referred to the Arbitration Court.

RELIGIOUS

Prophet's Birth Day

Mysore District:
On 30-3-42 the Birthday of Prophet Mohamed Pygambar was celebrated by the Mohammedans of Mysore at Milad Park, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysore. About 3,000 persons attended the function.

Kadur District:
The Muslims of Chikmagalur observed Prophet's Birth Day on 30-3-42 and there was also procession in the evening.

Moulvi Mohamed Budan Sab of Gadag, a member of the Deendar Party, arrived at Aldur on 30-3-42 from Hyderabad and left for Gullampet with Mr. K.A. Sadiq Sab of Aldur and other members of the Deendar Party and delivered lectures on the life of Prophet Mohamed. They are expected to give similar lectures at Aldur and Chikmagalur.

Chitaldrug District:
The Birth Day of Prophet Mohamed was celebrated on 30-3-42 at Chitaldrug when Messrs: Habibulla Khan, Abdul Zahir and Nazir spoke on the life and message of the Prophet.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mandya:
Prominent citizens of the town met and discussed measures to form a Vigilance Organisation in the town to prevent the spread of panicky rumours and to organise a volunteer corps to assist the A.R.P. and other Civil Defence measures.

EXTERNEES

Mr. M. Anandamoorthy, externee from Shimoga District, who was staying with his brother-in-law Mr. Doss at Tumkur left for Bangalore on 30-3-42.

STUDENTS' DEFENCE CORPS

Bangalore City:
Mr. L.V. Raja Gopal of the University Settlement has promisionally organised a Students' Defence Corps at Shankarapuram to aid A.R.P. measures and to help war efforts with the help of some students. One of the prominent member Mr. K.Srinivasan is connected with the Radical Democratic Party started by Mr. N.N. Chandur.

PROSECUTIONS

Mysore:
Mr. S. Rangaramiah of the Mysore Congress who had been prosecuted under Rules 34(6) and 38(1&5)

of the Defence of India Rules for a prejudicial speech made at Mysore was convicted and sentenced to one month's R.I. and a fine of Rs.200/- and in default to suffer two months' R.I. on 31-3-42 by the City Magistrate, Mysore, in C.C. No.441/41-42.

Mr. K.S. Kumaran who was charged under rule 34(6) and (k) read with Rule 38(1 & 5) of the Defence of India Rules on 23-2-42 was acquitted by the City Magistrate, Mysore, on 31-3-42 in C.C. No.474/41-42.

Bangalore District:

B. John and Anthony were each sentenced to undergo imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- and Rs.5/- respectively on 24-3-42 by the First Magistrate, Prisoners of War Camp, Jalahalli, under Rule 8 - cl. 2 & 4 of Defence of India Rules.

U.K. SOMAPPA;

Bangalore,
April 6, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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I am desired to forward herewith a copy of t consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 4th April 1942.

Rajasabhabhushana
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., B.A., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE **District.**

For week ending April 13, 1942

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday the 13th April 1942.

The following matters should be reported on:-

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 11th April 1942.

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Mr. H.C. Dasappa on release from Jail (Parole) visited the Congress Office on the 9th instant and had discussions with some of the congress leaders. When his attention was drawn to the Press News that his release was conditional, he is understood to have expressed dissatisfaction.

Mysore City:

The following persons have been elected as office-bearers of the Mysore City Congress Committee:-

1. President .. Mr. S. Channiah
2. Vice-president .. Mr. Agaram Rangiah
3. Secretary .. B. Narayanaswami
4. Treasurer .. Mr. M.R. Channabasappa.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

At a meeting held on the 8th instant, the City Congress Committee decided to place Mr. K.Ramaswami of Cubbonpet to be in charge of the Volunteer Corps to be formed shortly. Messrs: V.S. Narayana Rao, H.C.Suryanarayana Rao and Ramalal Thivari have undertaken to advise people by going from door to door, to take steps for the safety of their families in the event of an emergency.

The Bangalore City Congress had decided to form a 'Shanthi Dala' (Peace Brigade) to combat the internal disorder in the event of an emergency.

The Parliamentary Sub-committee of the Mysore Congress is understood to have advised the congress members of the Bangalore City Municipal Council to make out a case, and pass a resolution for the removal of the Present Municipal Commissioner.

Bangalore District:

The FIFTH SESSION OF THE ALL MYSORE STATE CONGRESS CONVENTION.

The construction of the ' Nehru Nagar ' is nearing completion. Khadi and Home Industries Exhibition will be opened on the evening of the 10th instant.

On 11-4-42, the president-elect - Mr. T. Subramanyam - will be taken in procession in a bullock cart from Channapatna town to Thittamaranahalli.

Srimathi Uma Bai of Kundapur has been invited to open the Women's Conference proposed to be held as an adjunct of the Fifth Session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention. Srimathi Bellary Siddamma will preside over the Conference.

A resolution inviting the Indian States' Peoples'

Conference to hold its next Session in the Mysore State is likely to be moved at the Convention.

Kadur District:

Messrs: Bagamane Devegowda, B.P.Basappa Setti, C.V. Dhruva Rao, N. Narayana Naik and a few others are reported to have left Chickmagalur for Channapatna on 8-4-42 to attend the Congress Convention.

CONFERNCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore City:

In connection with the observance of the ' National Week ' a public meeting was held, under the auspices of the City Congress Committee on the 7th instant. Mr. V.S. Narayana Rao /presided, and Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi addressed the gathering on the progress of the war, and the necessary steps to be taken by the public to counteract internal disorder, and external aggression.

The ' Jalianwala Bagh Day ' was observed at Bangalore on the 6th instant. There was flag-hoisting in the morning, accompanied by a brief speech by one of the members of the audience, recounting the 'Jalianwala Bagh ' incident. In the evening there was a public meeting with Mr. K. Hanumanthia as president when Messrs: K. Ramaswami and V.S. Narayana Rao made speeches narrating the 'unhappy incident.'

Under the auspices of the City Congress Committee, a public meeting was held in the Municipal gardens on the 1st instant when Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, T. Narayana Iyengar (Municipal Councillor, Mysore) and M.S. Narayana Rao addressed the gathering on "The War and the Present Political Situation.".

Hassan District:

At a meeting of the District Congress Committee held on 5-4-42 it was decided that each congress member of the Representative Assembly should send interpellations to the ensuing Sessions of the Representative Assembly.

Tumkur District:

In connection with the observance of the ' National Week ' a public meeting was held, under the auspices of the Town Congress Committee on the 8th instant with Mr. M.V. Rama Rao (President, Town Municipality, Tumkur) as President, Messrs: Malavalli Veerappa and B.C. Nanjundiah delivered speeches on the main principles and aims of the Congress, the present war situation; and exhorted the audience to shed their indifference and to take up constructive action.

Kolar District:

At a meeting held at Addagal (Srinivasapur tk.) on the 31st March, Messrs: Y.R. Gangi Reddi, Subba Rao of Addagal exhorted the audience (numbering about 300 mostly women and villagers) to strengthen the congress organisation, and referred among other matters, to the general condition of the country due to war.

Messrs: K. Sampangiramiah, C.K. Balakrishnan of Chickballapur and Kothanur Venkatasami Reddi addressed

a congress meeting at Melur Jatra, thanking the public for having exercised their votes in favour of the congress candidates. Mr. Sampangiramiah referred among other matters, to the Civil Defence Committees proposed to be organised by the Congress in the State.

An address to Mr. H. Siddiah, Congress President, was presented on the 5th April at the Town Hall, Chickballapur town, by the local merchants' Association. Mr. Siddiah gave a suitable reply thanking the merchants and advised them as to their duty at the present critical situation in the country.

Shimoga District:

In connection with the celebration of the ' National Week ' a public meeting was held at Shimoga town on the 8th instant with Mr. S.V. Krishnamurthi as president. Messrs: D.S. Dinkkar, B.R. Puttananjappa and S.V. Krishnamurthi who spoke on the occasion dwelt mainly on the constructive programme of the congress, and exhorted the people to be united, and courageous in the present situation. They also pleaded for the removal of untouchability, the use of khaddar and stressed the importance of spinning, and the promotion of Hindu-Muslim Unity.

Kolar Gold Field:

At a meeting held on the 1st instant with Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi presiding, one Kuppusamy Mudaliyar, a congressman of Vellore, observed that though the enemy is at the gates of India, the Britishers are not prepared to part with power, and the present deadlock cannot be solved till they abandon racial discrimination. He also warned the merchants against increasing the prices of food-stuffs.

The members of the "K. Changalaraya Reddy Youngmen's Association" celebrated the National Independence Day on the 6th instant. One Prajabhushna Sarma explained to the audience the importance of the celebration ; Selvan, Aruldoss and Sambandham - the other speakers - spoke about the promise made by the British Government in the last war, the sacrifices made by the congress, ~~in the~~ present war and the proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps.

Similarly the members of the Lokamanya Balagangadhara Tilak Walibhar Sangham held a meeting the same day, when Thangaraj, a committee member of the Sangham exhorted the audience to be united and to join the congress.

HINDU MAHASABHA

Bangalore City:

The Head-quarters of the All Mysore State Hindu Sabha has been shifted from Shimoga to Bangalore, and Mr. G.V. Ramachar has been appointed its Secretary.

It is ascertained that a conference of the All Mysore State Hindu Mahasabha has been proposed to be held at Bangalore with Dr. P. Varadarajalu Naidu of ~~Mysore~~ Madras as President, and Mr. Savarkar, the President of the All India Hindu Mahasabha has been invited to attend the Conference.

Shimoga District:

It is reported that a meeting of the

Hindu Mahasabha will be held at Santhebennur on the 9th instant with Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setti as President.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

Propaganda is reported to be going on among the workers of the Cotton-weaving Section and Dye-House of Binny's Mills to organise a strike after the 10th instant.

About 60 workers of the Mysore Mills are reported to have represented to the Management that they may be given night shifts alternatively instead of regularly.

Some of the workers of Binny's Mills are reported to have suggested to the Welfare Committee members that they may be given a month's wages with a month's leave; to evacuate their families, and to make suitable arrangements for them. When Mr. Eling, Welfare Officer was acquainted with this demand, he is reported to have stated that such a demand should come through their Labour Association.

At a meeting of the executive Committee of the Bangalore Press Association, it was resolved to press for enhancement of the dearness allowance.

About 15 workers of the Government Electric Factory had asked for an increment of wages about a fortnight back. Since they did not get a favourable reply, they are reported to have left the factory on the 9th instant.

There was a public meeting of the Mysore Mill workers on the 7th instant when Messrs: Malavalli Veerappa and Ramalingam exhorted the workers to -- strengthen the Association.

Shimoga:

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Iron and Steel Works Labour Association held on the 4th instant, resolutions were passed condemning the order of the District Magistrate under Section 39 Mysore Police Act and demanding an increase of wages to the workers of the Pipe Foundry.

The Executive Committee of the Paper Mills Labour Association which met on the same day also passed resolutions accusing the authorities of the Mills of negligence in not giving sufficient notice of the general shut-down, and demanding pay for the same period.

Consequent on the removal of some temporary workmen, the workers of the Machine and Soda Section of the Paper Mills have struck work since the 8th instant. The developments are being watched.

On 5-4-42, a meeting of the workers of the Paper Mills, Bhadravathi, was held at Nidige village, with one Srinivasa Rao, a labourer, as president. Seshagiri Sastri, Rama Rao and others spoke on the

occasion regarding the grievances of the workers, and canvassed for membership of the Association.

Mr. Seshagiri Sastri criticised the action of the authorities regarding the extension of the order under Section 39 M.P.A., the arrest of N.D. Shankar, the discharge of temporary workers etc.

Kolar Gold Field:

A meeting of the labourers of the Mysore Mine Labour ASSOCIATION was held on the 1st instant when Mr. Sharma explained to the audience what transpired in their discussions with the mining authorities regarding the grant of war allowance. He requested the Government to bring into force Section 9 of the Labour Act immediately, and to cancel the orders under Section 17 of the Mysore Mines Act.

At a similar meeting held on the 2nd, Messrs: P.R.K. Sharma and T. Ramachandra accused Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar of Kuppam of spreading false rumours, and advised the audience not to trust him.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES

K.G.F.

As per orders of the Government letter No. P.545/Law 140-41-42 dated the 2nd April 1942, M.C. Perumal, a member of the Champion Reef Labour Union is being prosecuted under the Defence of India Rules (~~Rule 34 and~~ 38 of the Defence of India Rules) for a prejudicial speech he delivered at K.G.F. on 9-3-42. A charge sheet was placed against him on 8-4-42, and the accused who had been arrested is released on bail by the Special First Class Magistrate, K.G.F. on his offering two sureties of Rs.500/- each . Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddi ~~x~~ is one of the sureties offered.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mandya District:

A Ryots' Conference of the Mandya ~~District~~ taluk was held on the 4th instant at ' Holalu' village, Mr. Annegowda, Patel of Chickkabelli village presiding. About 100 ryots of the taluk were present. They discussed at length the difficulties of the Sugar Cane growers, specially after the introduction of the Block System in the Irwin Canal Area. They resolved to send a deputation to wait on the Dewan, and the Deputy Commissioner to represent their grievances.

Kadur District:

The Deendar Party, and the Anjuman Party celebrated the Birthday of Mohamed the Prophet in the Travellers Bungalow and the Masjid respectively at Aldur on 3-4-42. The function passed off smoothly.

U.K. SOMAPPA ,

Bangalore,
April 13, 1942.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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Your Sincerely
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Dear Major Macann,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly repo relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 11th April 1942.

Yours sincerely
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Major A.E.H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT.

(For the week ending Saturday, the 18th April 1942. -)

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

A resolution expressing concern at the rumours that the Government of Mysore are being urged to adopt the policy of " Scorched Earth," and requesting the latter to take necessary steps to allay the public anxiety and misgivings in the matter was passed at the fifth session of the All Mysore State Congress Convention held at "Nehru Nagar" on the 12th and 13th instant. By another resolution, the congress endorsed the stand taken up by the Indian National Congress regarding Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals and declared "that a National Government can never be truly national unless it includes a proper portion of elected representatives of the States' peoples as well."

Addressing a meeting of the Subjects Committee of the Mysore Congress at the Convention, Mr. Narasimha Reddi, the Treasurer of the All India Kisan Sabha and a native of Madanapalli condemned ~~the~~ British Imperialism and observed that "if British Imperialism goes, the Indian Princes will be no where."

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

At a meeting held under the auspices of the State Hindu Maha Sabha at Santhebennur (Shimoga District) on the 9th instant, Mr. B.R. Chandrasekhara Setti criticised the State Muslim League in having passed a resolution to convert the Musafirkhana at Santhebennur into a mosque and exhorted the audience

exhorted the audience to strengthen the Hindu Organisation.

LABOUR.

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the workers of the Minerva Mills held on the 9th instant, Mr. Malavalli Veerappa observed that in the event of an internal disorder, the labourers should apply for three months' wages in advance and make arrangements to protect their families. P. Ramalingam who addressed the same gathering accused the Government of not making adequate arrangements for the protection of life and property.

As a protest against the refusal of the authorities to grant increment of wages, about 40 workers of the Mechanical Section of the Government Electrical Factory staged a brief stay-in-strike on the morning of the 10th instant; but they however resumed work the same afternoon on being assured that their demands would be considered favourably.

Shimoga District:

The executive committees of the Iron and Steel Works and the Paper Mills Labour Associations which met on the 12th instant decided to celebrate " The World United Labourers' Day" on the 1st May 1942, by taking out a procession of labourers and holding a public meeting. The latter association also passed resolutions demanding a Court of Arbitration to settle their differences with the authorities and criticising the action of the Government in extending the order under section 39 M.P.A. at Bhadravathi.

About 25 out of 40 workers of the Machine and Soda Section of the Paper Mills who have struck work since the 8th instant, returned to duty on the 14th. The regular work of the Section is expected to commence on the 22nd.

Kolar Gold Field:

Addressing a meeting on 9-4-42, Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi criticised the " Scorched Earth Policy" and observed that if the same is followed here, lakhs of labourers have to starve and the State would be deprived of much revenue.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

One Haughton, an Anglo-Indian of C & M Station, Bangalore, who was found under suspicious circumstances at 6 M.T., Hebbal on 9-4-42 was prosecuted and convicted for offences under rules 34 and 38 of the Defenc of India Rules and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one month by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, i C.C. No.1055/41-42 on 13-4-42.

EVACUEES.

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The marginally noted evacuees arrived a Bangalore from Burma and Rangoon respectively on the 13 instant. Interrogation discloses nothing of importance

WAR REACTIONS.

Due to panic in Bangalore City, a numbe of the people have left the City for the moffusil. The is also a great influx of evacuees from Madras.

Bangalore,
D:18-4-42.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE.

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I have the honour to submit herewith

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S.B. Report No.16/42 for the week ending 18th April 1942.

t No.16/42 in triplicate, for the

turday, the 18th April 1942.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

U.K. Somappa

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Submitted for perusal.

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Finance and Revenue Minister. 29.6.42

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 18th April 1942.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

Personnel.

Mr.K.Pattabhiraman has been requested to continue as General Secretary of the Mysore State Congress pending nomination of a substitute by the President.

Propaganda.

Bangalore City: The Congress delegation which had been to Wardha returned on the 10th instant and is reported to have had a thirty minutes' interview with Mr. Gandhi who is said to have advised them to carry on Constructive work, not to resort to Sathyagraha or any direct action and to co-operate with the Government should they desire. The Working Committee which sat on the same night passed resolutions regarding the results of talks with the Dewan of Mysore, the present political situation, criticism of Cripps' proposals as applied to Native States and condolences on the deaths of prominent political leaders like Jamnalal Bajaj, etc.

Hassan District: A Charka Competitive examination was held on 8-4-42 in the Town Hall at Holenarasipur by the local congressxx men. Eleven boys took part and three prizes were distributed.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Bangalore District: (The fifth Mysore Congress Convention, Thittamaranahalli (Nehru Nagar).

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The programme of events connected with the fifth Mysore Congress Convention convered a period five days from the 10th to the 14th inclusive at the Congress Camp - Nehru Nagar - near Thittamaranahalli, Chennapatna taluk.

Inside the camp there were separate apartments for lodging the congressmembers and volunteers. Separate enclosures had been put up for Subjects Committee meetings, Open Sessions, Exhibition Stalls, Post Office, Hospital, etc. Two arecanut poles had been fixed for being used as flag masts for both the Congress and Mysore flags.

The Camp had been provided with electric lights. Water was supplied through pipes from the bed of the Kanva by means of pumps. Loud speakers had been put up in the enclosures for the Open Session and the Subjects Committee meetings.

10th April 1942.

The Exhibition of Khadi and Village Industries was opened on the evening of 10-4-42 by Mr. R.R. Diwakar, ex-President of the K.P.C.C. whom the Reception Committee had invited. Mr. R.R. Diwakar while declaring the Exhibition open referred to the present political situation, stressed the importance of Khadi and Home industries in India and exhorted the people to encourage them. About 500 people had gathered. There were about 25 stalls exhibiting Khadi goods, Arts and Crafts, demonstrating processes like carding and spinning of Khadi and wool, manufacture of toys, bangles, paper making, silk rearing and throwing etc. The Government departments also participated and admission was by tickets.

11th April 1942 (evening)

Mr.T. Subramanya, President of the Congress, was taken in procession in a decorated chariot drawn by six pairs of bullocks from Kunnerkatte circle in Chennapatna to "Nehru Nagar" accompanied by band and music through the bazaar street and Kalamma Temple street in the town. About 50 volunteers marched in front and about 10 pendals and buntings had been put up en route. 3000 to 4000 people had gathered at the starting place and the crowd dwindled to about 1000 when the procession reached Nehru Nagar.

12th April 1942.

The proceedings of the day commenced with the simultaneous hoisting of the tri-colour flag and the Mysore State flag by Messrs. H. Siddiah and T. Subramanya respectively at 9 a.m. Both made short speeches about the implication of the tri-colour flag. About 2000 persons had gathered.

The A.M.C.C. meeting commenced at 10 a.m. in the Subject Committee pandal. Mr. H. Siddiah presided. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman, Secretary, read the report for the year and presented the statement of Receipts and Expenditure which were accepted by the members. Mr. H. Siddiah, the retiring president made a fare-well speech. With a short speech by Mr. T. Subramanya, the new President, the meeting closed at 1-30 p.m. About 2000 persons had gathered. Admission was by tickets.

The meeting of the Subjects Committee was held at 4 p.m. with Mr. T. Subramanya as President. Before the committee commenced discussions, Mr. Narasimha Reddi, the Treasurer of the All India Kisan Sabha and a native of Madanapalli addressing the meeting condemned British Imperialism and observed that "If British Imperialism goes, the Indian Princes will be no where." About 2000 persons had gathered and the meeting closed at 6.40 p.m.

The Open Session was held at 7.30 p.m. Mr. V. Venkatappa, President of the Reception Committee read the Welcome Speech. Mr. T. Subramanya, the President-elect then delivered his presidential

address. Miss. Aney Mascarine of the Travancore State Congress made a speech in English which was translated into Kannada. Mr. R.R. Diwakar also addressed the Session.

Resolutions expressing deep sorrow at the deaths of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, and criticising the policy of the Mysore Government in arresting the Congress leaders under the Defence of India Rules were passed.

The meeting terminated at 10 p.m. About 4000 persons had gathered and the proceedings took place in Kannada. Admission was by tickets.

13th April 1942.

The Congress flag and the Mysore flag were hoisted by Messrs. R.R. Diwakar and N.C. Thimma Reddi respectively in the morning. Mr. Diwakar made a short speech about the flags and Mr. Thimma Reddi spoke about the political situation. About 500 persons had gathered.

An Anti-Fascist Conference was held in the morning in the A.M.C.C. pandal with Mr. Narasimha Reddi as president. He spoke in English explaining Fascism and its evils and the present political situation in India. Resolutions to fight Fascism and its advance in India were passed. The conference also urged for the release of the prisoners arrested in connection with the anti-Fascist movement and congratulated China and Russia for their heroic fight against Fascism. About 1500 persons attended the meeting and the meeting terminated at 11-45 p.m.

The third All Mysore State Women's Conference was held in the pandal between 12 noon and 3 p.m. with Mrs M.N. Jois as president. About 500 women and some men attended. The proceedings were in Kannada. Mrs. Sunanda Devi, Secretary of the Conference, read the annual report. Srimathi Uma Bai of Kundapur declared the Conference open and spoke on women's education, etc. Mrs. Dasappa, Mrs. Chengalaraya Reddi, Mrs. Kamalamma Visveswara Gowda also made short speeches. Resolutions expressing sorrow at the demise of Dr. Tagore, Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, etc, and to form a Lady Volunteer's Corps to meet the present situation were passed.

The Subjects committee meeting was resumed at 3.40 p.m. and three more official resolutions relating to the Scorched Earth Policy in Mysore, Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals and the need for the formation of a national government or popular government were discussed. The first two resolutions expressing concern at the rumours that the Government of Mysore are being urged to adopt the policy of "Scorched Earth" and requesting the latter to take necessary steps to allay the public anxiety and mis-givings and endorsing the stand taken up by the Indian National Congress regarding Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals were passed. About 2000 persons had gathered and at 7-30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

The Open Session commenced at 8 p.m. with Mr.T. Subramanya as President and the official resolutions adopted by the Subjects Committee were placed with short speeches by the movers and passed.

14th April 1942.

In the morning the flags were hoisted as usual by Srimathi Kamalamma and Yeshodhara Dasappa with short speeches by both. There was a poor gathering of about 125 persons.

The Subjects Committee resumed its sitting at 9.45 a.m. with Mr. T. Subramanya as president. After some discussion a resolution urging the necessity for the establishment of popular government consisting of elected leaders and the need for co-operating with the A.R.P. work was passed. A non-official resolution regarding taking disciplinary action against certain congressmen was also passed. About 300 persons had gathered and the meeting terminated at 2-30 p.m.

The Open Session was held at 4 p.m. in the A.M.C.C. Pandal with Mr. T. Subramanya as president. About 400 persons had gathered. The resolution passed in the Subjects Committee meeting ~~regarding the~~ regarding the establishment of popular government was adopted and the members who moved and seconded made short speeches. With the president's concluding speech the session came to a close at 6 p.m. It was decided to hold the next convention in Tumkur District.

A conference of the Congress Volunteers was held at 6 p.m. with Mr. M.N. Jois as president. A resolution advocating the formation of All Mysore Congress Volunteer Corps was passed and a committee with Mr. M.N. Jois as president and Mr. Doreswami as Convenor was formed for the purpose. The conference terminated at 8.30 p.m.

With the distribution of prizes, certificates and medals to the stall-keepers and volunteers by the President and with his concluding remarks, the convention terminated at 9.30 p.m.

The Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress was re-constituted with Mr. T. Subramanya as president, and Messrs. K. Henjerappa (Tumkur), S.Nijalingappa (Chitaldrug), K.R. Madhava Rao (Shimoga), Hutche Gowda (Kadur), B.N. Boranna Gowda (Hassan), N.C. Thimma Reddi (Kolar), A.J. Bandi Gowda (Mandya), Mrs.Yeshodhara Dasappa (Mysore City), S. Rangaramiah (Mysore District), K.T. Bhashyam (Bangalore City) and T. Siddalingiah (Bangalore District). The president has not yet announced the names of the nominated members. The election of office-bearers will take place in the next Working Committee meeting.

Kolar Gold Field:

Addressing a meeting held under the auspices of the Town Congress Committee on 9-4-42 in the Nehru Maidan, Robertsonpet, Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi criticised the "Scorched Earth Policy" adopted in Russia, Burma and Rangoon and observed that if the same is followed here lakhs of labourers have to starve and the State would be deprived of much revenue. About 2000 ~~xxxxx~~ persons had gathered.

On 10-4-42 a public meeting was held by the Desa Walibhar Sangham at the K.C. maidan, Champion Reef in connection with the observance of the "National Week". Mr. S.I. Arul Das presided and explained the significance of the observance of "National Week" and traced the origin of the British rule in India up to the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India. About 800 persons attended.

On 12-4-42 the K.C.R. Walibhar Sangham, Robertsonpet, held a public meeting at the Gandhi maidan in memory of the Jallianwala Bagh incident. About 100 persons attended. Mr. S.I. Arul Das referred to the Jallianwala Bagh incident and also criticised the proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps.

On 12-4-42 presiding over a public meeting held under the auspices of the Lokamanya Bala Gangadhar Tilak Walibhar Sangham, Andersonpet, Mr. Sunderaraja Iyengar spoke about the life of Tilak, the Jalliwawala Bagh incident and the significance of the "National Week."

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Shimoga District:

A public meeting under the auspices of the State Hindu Maha Sabha was held at Santhebennur. The President, Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhariah addressing the audience criticised the resolution of the State Muslim League to convert the Musafirkhana at Santhebennur into a mosque and exhorted the people to join the Sabha. A branch of the Sabha was also formed at Santhebennur with Mr. Gadali Subbanna as president, Messrs. Nadiga Gundu Rao, Jyothi Karibasappa, Nadiga Padmanabha Rao as Vice-president and Mr. X Jayadeviah as Treasurer.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the workers of the Minerva Mills held on the 9th instant, President Mr. Malavalli Veerappa observed that in the event of an internal disorder, the labourers should apply for 3 months wages in advance and make arrangements to protect their families. Mr. P. Ramalingam who addressed the same gathering accused the Government of not making adequate arrangements for the protection of life and property.

The Executive Committee of the Mysore Mills Labour Association which met on the 10th instant passed a resolution requesting the management to grant 3 months' pay in advance due to the 'precarious condition of war.' It appears that when some of the workers approached the management they were told that advances could not be given and that the Mill's Co-operative Society had enough stock of provisions to meet contingencies.

Mr. Chengalaradhya, Representative Assembly Member, is reported to have sent up certain resolutions for the ensuing session of the Assembly on the advice of Mr. Bhashyam. He has moved the Government for a grant of Rs.50,000/- for welfare work of all labour associations and has also sent some interpellations regarding Muddiah Factory strike and the action

taken by the Chief Conciliator. He is reported to have represented to Government to publish the cost of living index number for the benefit of the labourers.

About 40 workers of the Mechanical Section of the Government Electric Factory staged a stay-in-strike on the 10th instant on the ground that the promised increment of wages was not given and that on the assurance of the manager to consider their grievances favourably they resumed work the same day.

The AMCO Batteries Labour Association has put forth certain demands regarding general increment of wages, payment of allowances to dismissed workers who have since been re-instated and payment of wages for extra work, etc.

The Assistant Labour Commissioner is reported to have recommended their services of the thrown-out hands of Muddiah's Factory to the Mysore, Minerva and other mills in the City.

Hassan District:

On 11-4-42 about a hundred and fifty coolies of the Hassan Implement Factory stopped work and caused some trouble in the factory owing to some mis-apprehension of facts, in connection with the election regarding the formation of the labour associations. They resumed work on being given proper advice. A case under the Defence of India Rules in Hassan Town Police Station Cr.No.71/41-42 has been taken on file against some of the workers on the complaint of the Factory Superintendent.

Shimoga District:

The Executive Committee of the Iron and Steel Works and the Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravathi, which met on the 12th instant decided to celebrate "The World United Labourers' Day" on the 1st of May 1942, by taking out a procession of labourers and holding a public meeting at Bhadravathi. The latter association also passed resolutions demanding a Court of Arbitration to settle their differences with the authorities and criticising the action of the Government in extending the order under section 39 M.P.A. at Bhadravathi.

About 40 labourers in the Soda Recovery and the Mechanical Sections of the Paper Mills staged away from work from 8-4-42 on the pretext that all the daily wage labourers had not been provided with work. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri is said to have coresponded with the Labour Commissioner in this connection requesting him to make enquiries About 25 of the labourers returned to work on 14-4-42. One Sreenivasa Rao of the Mechanical Section is reported to have been suspended from 13-4-42 for misbehaviour. The regular work of the Section is expected to commence on the 22nd instant.

Kolar Gold Field: Public meetings of the labourers of the several labour associations on the field were held on the 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th instant

and Messrs. P.R.K. Sharma, T.L.A. Acharya, T. Ramachandra and others addressed the labourers. Mr. Sharma expressed that he did not relish the congress interference in labour matters. He criticised the Champion Reef labourers and remarked that Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi would do well to resign from the Association.

SOCIAL.

Tumkur District:

On 8-4-42 a public meeting of the Harijan Sabha was held near Sri Kariammadevaru temple at Peddihalli, Tiptur Taluk with Mr. S.R. Mallappa of Tiptur as president. Messrs. K. Bheemiah, T.K. Ramiah, Hanumanthiah and T.V. Mallappa spoke on the upliftment of Harijans, prohibition of toddy drinking and animal sacrifice and exhorted the gathering to encourage Harijans. About 35 persons attended.

Kolar Gold Field:

Under the aus-pices of the Tamil Sangham Vidulai Sangham, a public meeting was held at " I " block, Oorgaum, on 15-4-42 with one Jagannathan as president. Mr. M.P. Shankarswamy and others spoke about the upliftment of Adidravidas and appealed to the Adidravidas to form their own Sangham as against the Congress Organisation. About 300 persons attended.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

In connection with the observance of Basava Jayanthi Day at Harihar on 19-4-42 Mr. Hemagiriyappa and others have applied for a license to take the idol of Sree Basaveswara in procession in Harihar town.

The public of Davangere have sent printed copies of their representations to the Sub-Division Officer and Muzurai Officer, Davangere, against the proposed demolition of Boosapet Ganapathi Temple in Davangere Town.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City: - " The Radical Democratic Party."

The Externees Anandamurthy and Ramachandra Setti are reported to be attempting to enrol members to the party and selling copies of the "Independent India". The party has also arranged for public meetings in the Municipal Gardens on the 18th and 19th instant.

Chitaldrug District:

During the recent visit of Mr. S.G. Sastry, Director of Industries and Commerce, to Davangere, the President and some of the office-bearers of Davangere Trades Ass-ociation are reported to have represented to him that the president and the members of the association should be nominated instead of being elected in accordance with rule 2 clause (c) & (d) of the Mysore Agriculture Produce Markets Act. The members who have dissented from the suggestion have drafted a petition to be submitted to the Dewan of Mysore - opposing any such amendments.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 15-4-42 in accordance with the Tamil printed hand bills distributed by the Town Congress Committee, Robertsonpet, regarding the opening of the Azad Youth League at Robertsonpet, Mr. Shivagyanam Kirmani unfurled the national flag over the Congress building and Mr. Bhaktha Vatsalam formally declared open the Azad Youth League. A public meeting under the auspices of the league was held at the Nehru maidan on the same day. About 3000 persons attended. Mr. Bhaktha Vatsalam spoke about the aims of the congress and the duties of the youth for liberating the country from foreign rule and referred to the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission in India. Mr. Sivagyanam Kirmani reiterated. It is reported that one Vasudeva Panicker is nominated as president, M.C. Perumal as vice-president, Ramaswamy and Pushpam as Joint-Secretaries and Ramachandran as Treasurer.

PROSECUTIONS.

One Haughton, an Anglo-Indian of C & M Station, Bangalore, who was found under suspicious circumstances at 6 M.T. Hebbal on 9-4-42 was prosecuted and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one month by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, under rules 34 & 38 of the Defence of India Rules in C.C. No. 1055/41-42 on 13-4-42.

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U.K. SOMAPPA,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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24th April 2.

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I am desired to forward herewith a copy of th consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the serval Districts for the week ending Saturday the 18th April 1942.

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C.B. BANGALORE

Camp, Mysore.

April 25, 1942.

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Dear Mr. Mehkri,

I enclose for the information of Government, in duplicate, the Political Weekly Report for the week ending Saturday the 25th April 1942.

Yours Sincerely

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Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore.

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THE POLITICAL WEEKLY REPORT

(For week ending Saturday, the 25th April 1942)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT

The Bangalore City Congress have decided to form a "Volunteer Corps" and to invite Mr. T. Subramanyam to open the same.

In pursuance of the instructions issued by the Standing Committee of the All India States Peoples' Conference, a public meeting was held in Bangalore on the 19th instant to protest against the proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps for not taking into consideration the States Peoples' opinion on the framing of the future constitution of India. Messrs: T. Subramanyam, K. Changalaraya Reddi, & K.T. Bhashyam addressed the gathering and pleaded that the people of the Native States should be consulted in framing the future constitution of India.

Mr. S. Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug has been appointed the General Secretary of the Mysore CONGRESS.

LABOUR

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Binny's Mills Labour Association, it was resolved to demand two months' wages in advance, 15 days' leave and to press for the reinstatement of the 6 dismissed workers of the Mills.

Consequent on the dismissal of one Basha, a worker of the Mysore Spinning Mills for his misbehaviour towards his master, the workers of the Spinning Section staged a stay-in-strike on the 17th instant. They, however, resumed work on the 19th (18th being a holiday) pending negotiation

between the President of the Labour Association and the Management regarding the reinstatement of the dismissed worker.

Shimoga District:

The Labour Associations of the Paper Mills and the Iron and Steel Works - Bhadravathi, had applied for the relaxation of the prohibitory order under section 39 - Mysore Police Act (banning public meetings) to enable them to celebrate the ' May Day ' on 1-5-42 at Bhadravathi, but the District Magistrate did not agree.

Kolar Gold Field:

Due to strained feelings between two parties of the employees of the Champion Reef Mines - one following the Congress and the other Adidravida Jana Sabha at K.G.F. - there was a clash between the two on the 19th instant with the throwing of stones, brick-bats, etc. at each other which necessitated the Police opening fire. The only casualty caused by the firing was one killed. The Police have registered cases against both the parties and investigation is proceeding.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES

One Dorai, a native of Madura District, who had been prosecuted for offences under Rule 8 Cl.(2) & (4) of the Defence of India Rules for entering the P.O.W. Camp, a protected area, without permission on 7-4-42 was convicted and sentenced to suffer Simple Imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- in default to suffer one month's Simple Imprisonment by the First Class Magistrate, P.O.W. Camp, Jalahalli, in CC. No. 106/41-42 dated 10-4-42.

EVACUEES

Fourteen evacuees arrived in the State from Burma and

and Rangoon during the week. Interrogation discloses nothing of interest.

FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES

On the morning of the 20th instant, some leaflets bearing the slogan " SHORTLY COMING JAPAN" (in English) and " DANGER RUN AWAY" (in Tamil) were found near the City Market Square, the Hindustan Aircraft Factory and other places. This appears to be the work of some mischief-mongers.

WAR RE-ACTIONS.

Two hundred employees of the Hindustan Aircraft Factory, Bangalore, are reported to have tendered their resignations due to war conditions during this week and they have not been accepted by the authorities so far.

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE
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(For the week ending - April 25, 1942.)

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

Personnel.

Bangalore City:

Mr. H.C. Dasappa surrendered himself to the Central Jail, Bangalore, on the 23rd instant on expiry of his parole period.

Mr. S. Nijalingappa is reported to have accepted the office of the General Secretary of the Mysore State Congress.

Messrs.S. Chenniah, K. Pattabhiraman and H. Siddiah are reported to have been nominated to the Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr.Lakshmikantha Bhimakumar is contemplating to organise Volunteer Corps for the Mysore Seva Dal with the object of rendering service in case of emergency.

Propaganda.

Mr. T. Subramanyam, President of the Mysore State Congress intends to do an extensive propaganda tour to raise Rs.30,000/- for the Congress Fund.

Conferences and Public meetings.

Bangalore City:

The Executive Committee of the City Congress met on the 22nd instant with Mr. Bhashyam as President and resolved to organise a Volunteer Corps and to request Mr. T. Subramanyam to open the same.

In pursuance of the instructions issued by the Standing Committee of the All India States Peoples' Conference to protest against the proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps in not taking into consideration the opinion of the States' people to frame a future constitution for India, the local Congress workers held a public meeting on the 19th instant in the Municipal Gardens with Mr. T. Subramanyam as President. Messrs. K. Chengalaraya Reddi, K.T. Bhashyam, V.S. Narayana Rao and the Chairman addressed the gathering stating that the people of the Native States should also be consulted in any scheme of constitutional reform for India. References were also made to the shooting incident at Kolar Gold Field.

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress has been called for on the 2nd proximo.

Mysore District:

A meeting of the Congress workers was held in the premises of the Congress Office, Mysore, on

19-4-42 with Mr. S. Channiah as President. Resolutions: 1) protesting against the attitude of the British Govt. in not taking into consideration the subjects of Indian States, 2) pointing out that no future constitution will have the support of the States' people if it does not protect their interests and 3) condemning any attempt to vivisect India are ascertained to have been passed. No public meeting to observe the "Indian States' Day " was held.

It is learnt that the City Congress ~~xxxkxxx~~ Committee has authorised the President and the Secretary of the Committee to convene a meeting of the congress and non-congress workers, on the 26th in the Congress ~~f~~ office to consider suitable measures to combat scare and panic among the public and to make necessary arrangements for the safety of the people in the City.

Tumkur District:

On 19-4-42 a public meeting was held by the congress near the Town Co-operative Society, Tumkur, with Mr. M.V. Rama Rao, President of the Tumkur Town Municipality, as president, in connection with the observance of the "Native States' Day". Mr. K. Pattabhiraman explaining the significance and importance of observing the ("Native States' Day") accused the British of their "Divide and Rule" policy and referred to the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission to India. Mr. S. Nijalingappa also spoke on the same lines.

On 21-4-42 Mr. T. Subramanyam, President of the Mysore State Congress, was taken in procession on foot from his residence to the Town Hall at Tumkur with congress flag and music. The District Board and the Town Municipal members presented him addresses in honour of his being elected President of the Congress and he suitably replied.

Kolar District:

On 19-4-42 a public meeting was held by the congress at Kolar in connection with the "All India States' Peoples' Day". Mr. R.Narasimha Reddi of Madanapalli, Treasurer, All India Kisan Sangha, addressing the gathering traced the history of the British administration in India and dealt with the ~~xxxxxx~~ failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' ~~xxxxxxxx~~ mission in India. A resolution condemning the policy of the Government in neglecting the States' people and urging that in any future scheme for the constitution of India, the States should be represented by their elected members and not by the nominees of the Princes was passed.

On 15-4-42 a public meeting was held by the Congress at Chickballapur with Mr. C.K. Balakrishnan as president and subjects regarding the A.R.P. measures to be taken in the Town were discussed.

Kolar Gold Field:

On 18-4-42 two public meetings were held by the Congress party on the field. While addressing the gathering Messrs. Chengalaraya Reddi and Sunderaraja Iyengar referred to the war situation and the dangers awaiting the people of India and advised them to be courageous and to follow the A.R.P. instructions strictly.

Congress at Bowringpet on 22-4-42 Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi spoke on the war situation and advised the people to co-operate with the Government in A.R.P. measures and to follow their instructions.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Presiding over a public meeting of the workers of the Mysore Mills on the 22nd instant Mr. P. Ramalingam, Secretary of the Binny Mills' Labour Association, spoke on the firing incident at K.G.F.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Binny's Mills Labour Association held on the 17th instant it was resolved to demand two months' wages in advance and 15 days' leave and to press for the re-instatement of the six dismissed workers.

One Basha, a maistry in the Spinning Section of the Mysore Mills was discharged from work by the Mill management on the ground of his insubordinate behaviour towards one Mr. Appa Rao, Master in the same section. The labourers in the Spinning Section did not work on the 18th instant protesting against the action taken. They however resumed work on the 20th pending result of talks with the management and the Labour Commissioner.

There was a temporary stoppage of work in the Minerva Mills on the 20th instant over the question of change of night-shifts. On the assurance of the management that it would be looked into, the workers resumed work.

Bangalore District:

Two hundred employees of the Hindusthan Aircraft, Ltd. are said to have tendered their resignations during this week due to war conditions and they have not been accepted by the authorities, so far.

Shimoga District:

In accordance with the request made by Mr. K.B. Srinivasan, Secretary of the Reception Committee of the All Mysore Labour Conference to be held at Bangalore in May 1942, the Executive Committee of the Paper Mills Labour Association discussed and approved on 17-4-42 resolutions regarding the cancellation of detention orders on Messrs. N.D. Shankar and M.S. Rama Rao and externment orders on Messrs: K.S. Kumaran, Krishna Bhatta, K.S. Ramachandra Setti, M. Ananda Murthi and others, the withdrawal of prohibitory orders on Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and others from entering K.G.F. area and the removal of the prohibitory order under section 39 M.P.A. at Bhadravathi. The Committee passed two other resolutions also stating that the suspension of Mari and Srinivasa Rao is unreasonable and demanding their re-instatement and payment of wages to the Coolies from the date of the shut-down of the Mills.

The applications of the Labour Associations of the Paper Mills and the Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, requesting the District Magistrate, Shimoga, to relax the prohibitory order under section 39 M.P.A. for

or the celebration of the "May Day" on 1-5-42 at Bha-
avathi was rejected. The request of the associations
o grant leave for the labourers on that day was also
efused.

olar Gold Field:

Addressing a meeting of the labourers
eld on 16-4-42 near the Brick Making Factory, Mariku-
am, Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi advised them to form
igilant committees and to abide by the A.R.P. Rules.

On the evening of 18-4-42 about 300 la-
ourers belonging to the Congress Party went to 'N'
lock, Champion Reef, where the Adidravida Jana Sabha
as holding a meeting, assaulted some of them, hurled
tones and soda water bottles, pulled down the pendal,
roke the furniture and destroyed the protographs of
heir leaders and the Mysore and British flags which
ad been kept there on the ground that they insulted
he Congress Party. On the complaint made a case was
aken on file by the Police, On hearing the incident
bout 1000 persons belonging to the Adidravida Jana Sabha
ame there from Oorgaum side to wreak vengence but
ere dispersed by the Police.

As a result of the above incident, about
hree to four hundred Oorgaum labourers went round the
orgaum lines on the morning of 19-4-42 shouting "Down
ith the Congress - Down with Chengalaraya Reddi". They
ent to the Khadi Vasthralaya and the Azad Youth League
nd pulled down the congress flags. By the time they
roceeded to the K.C.R. Youth League they were opposed
y the Youth League Party which arrived there with lathie
Stones were also pelted. The situation
as brought under control by the Police. The Congress
arty people proceeded to the Azad Youth League, hoisted
he Congress flag and convened a public meeting. They
hen persisted in going to the Oorgaum lines to create
rouble but were stopped by the Police at Nehru maidan
nd dispersed.

In the afternoon orders prohibiting the
olding of meetings, etc. under section 39 of the M.P.A.
ere obtained from the District Magistrate. About 1000
o 1500 labourers of the Champion Reef Mine, about 200
ongress Youth League people and another party of congres
eople from Corgaum side, all armed with lathies, insis-
ed to go to Nehru maidan to hold a public meeting inspit
f prohibitory orders. The people of Peri Line at
Oorgaum had collected in their lines to meet any on-
slaught by the Congress people. The congress party
dispersed on being advised by the Police and the Magis-
rate. But they again collected and rushed towards
Peri line. They pelted stones at the Peri Line crowd
which also retaliated. The two parties were however,
ot allowed to meet at close quarters. The Peri line
eople stopped pelting stones on advice given by the
Police but the congress party continued pelting stones
oth at the Police and the Oorgaum people. Some police
fficers were wounded and the situation went out of
ontrol. After sufficient warning the Special First
lass Magistrate, K.G.F. ordered firing. One Munisami
as hit and fell down dead. The crowd gradually dis-
persed and the situation was brought under control. Two
cases - one against each party-were registered re-

regarding the incidents on the 19th. 31 persons are arrested and are in custody in the Lock-up at K.G.F.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

On 16-4-42 the Muslims at Harihar sent a petition to the Dewan praying for orders to stop the Basava Jayanthi procession being taken behind the Kumbargeri Mosque and also sent a telegram.

On 19-4-42 the Basava Jayanthi procession was taken behind the said mosque as usual with music without trouble.

On 20-4-42 the Muslims sent a report to the President, Muslim League, Bangalore, stating that the procession went behind the Mosque with music.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City: "The Radical Democratic Party."

Messrs: N.N. Chandur, M. Anandamurthi, K.S. Ramachandra Setti and Savoi Aswatha Rao, addressed public meetings held under the auspices of the party on the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd instant at the Municipal Gardens and Banappa Park and spoke on Fascist aggression and the entry of Japan into war and exhorted the people to prepare themselves to fight the enemy by "Guerilla Warfare" if need be.

On the 20th instant leaflets styled "Shortly Coming - Japan" (in English) and "Danger - Run away" (in Tamil) were found scattered on some parts of the City and near the Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd. by some mischief-mongers.

Shimoga District: One Maheswarappa is reported to have enrolled about 45 members to the "Hindi Rashtriya Maha Sabha" on 13-4-42 and collected a subscription of annas 4/- per head, at Dodghatta village, Chennagiri Taluk.

Kolar Gold Field: Addressing a meeting of the Adidravida Jana Sabha held on 17-4-42 at K.G.F. Messrs: T.R.Sekharan K. Muniswami and others criticised the congress and other community people for treating them un-touchables and exhorted the audience to be united and to join the Sangham.

Externees: Mr. K.S. Kumaran came to Bangalore on the 19th on expiry of the externment period and left for Krishnagiri the next morning.

Prosecutions: One Dorai, native of Thirumangalam Town, Madura District, was sentenced to imprisonment till the rising of the court and to pay a fine of Rs.10/- or in default to suffer one week's S.I. under rule 8 Cl.2 & 4 of the D.O.I. Rules by the Spl.F.C.M. P.O.W. Camp. on 10-4-42 in CC.106/41-42. He was found in the protected area of the P.O.W. Camp, Jalahalli, without a pass on 7-4-42

One Arul Das was found on 20-4-42 without a psss in the protected area of the P.O.W. Camp, Jalahalli and a case under rule 8 Cl.2 & 4 of D.O.I. Rules has been registered against him.

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